

## Twice Won

A Marriage Complication That Proved Difficult to Handle.

By OSCAR COX  
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"Oh, my goodness, gracious!" The exclamation was made by young Mrs. Ludington, a bride of a few months, who after breakfast had glanced at the morning paper, in which her eye had met the following item telegraphed from New York:

"Richard Ludington, who came here recently for a surgical operation after the removal of a bone that for years had been pressing upon his brain, thus causing occasional fainting spells, as soon as he had recovered from the anesthetic sat up and cried out: 'There go the dagos! See 'em run!' Then, evidently awakening to the fact that he was not where he had supposed himself to be, he asked, 'Where am I?' It turned out that ever since the Spanish war, where he was wounded



HER ADVANCED TOWARD HIM WITH ARMS OUTSTRETCHED.

in the head, the man has been living under another name than his real one. He enlisted in the 10th Ohio Infantry in 1898 under his real name of Throckmorton. For twelve or thirteen years until yesterday he has been entirely oblivious to the first eighteen years of his life, his residence now being in Missouri, where, it is understood, he has a wife, but of whom he has no remembrance whatever.

It was at seeing the last half dozen words of the item that called forth from Mrs. Ludington the ejaculation mentioned, after which she collapsed. Her mother, coming into the room, found her lying on a sofa looking wildly about her.

"For heaven's sake, Maud, what's the matter?"

Maud groaned and pointed to the paper. "Read that about Dick," she moaned.

Mrs. Martindale finally found the article and read it.

"Well, I declare!" was her comment. "What shall I do?" cried the daughter. "Dick has forgotten me entirely. I don't know but that he had a wife before he married me, and if he had he's a bigamist, and I'm—oh, heavens!"

"It's not likely that he was married before he was eighteen," was the encouraging remark.

"But just think, he doesn't remember me! He doesn't love me! I'm nothing more to him than a woman he has never seen!"

It was certainly a distressing situation.

Mrs. Martindale considered the matter for some time; but, the case being a novel one, she concluded to send for the family attorney, Mr. Steiger, and, if possible, learn from him her daughter's matrimonial status. A telephone message brought the lawyer, and mother and daughter, both talking at once, put the case to him. Having an ear for each, he finally learned the story.

"Since you married a man by the name of Ludington, who was not Ludington at all, but Throckmorton, it is my opinion that you are not married to either Ludington or Throckmorton."

"Heavens!" cried the poor woman, covering her face with her hands.

"The only way, the best way, for you to do is to marry the man as Throckmorton."

"But suppose he doesn't want me," moaned Maud.

The lawyer and Mrs. Martindale looked at each other. Here was a danger.

"He will undoubtedly be ready to make any reparation possible"—the attorney was beginning when Mrs. Ludington-Throckmorton interrupted.

"Reparation! Who wants reparation! I married him because I loved him and he loved me. And now I'm nothing to him."

"You might win him again," suggested Mr. Steiger.

"The very thing!" exclaimed Mrs. Martindale. "I wonder how we had better proceed."

"I have it," the lawyer chimed in. "When Mr. Throckmorton returns—"

"I don't want to be Mrs. Throckmorton," Maud broke in. "I don't like the name. I want to remain Mrs. Ludington."

"Anyway," continued Steiger, "when he returns I'll take him in charge. I'll tell him that he must remarry Maud Martindale. Meanwhile he can be introduced to you as somebody else, and you can win him."

"Maybe I can't!"

"Oh, yes you can," said the mother.

"You've done it once; you can do it again."

"But he isn't the same man. He may not fancy the same woman as he did when he was Dick," sobbed Maud.

"Well, we'll try it, dear. Now don't cry any more. Leave the matter in Mr. Steiger's hands, and it will come out all right."

It was arranged that Mr. Steiger should go to New York and bring back Mr. Throckmorton-Ludington before he should become enamored of any other woman, and upon his arrival Maud was to be put in his way in the hope that he might fall in love with her. When the man who had gone back to his youthful soldier boy days was brought to the town in which he had lived for nearly a dozen years and in which not a stone was familiar to him he was taken to Mr. Steiger's house. Maud was there, purporting to be Mrs. Steiger's younger sister.

At a consultation it was decided to take the middle aged youngster to the country and shut him up with no other woman under middle age except his wife. This was the suggestion of Mrs. Martindale when alone with Mr. Steiger.

"I have always heard," she said, "and I believe it to be true, that if a man lives under the same roof with a woman who is one degree removed from a gorgon she can get him."

So Mr. Throckmorton was taken to a country place where there was no other house within several miles, with Maud as his only companion and Mrs. Martindale for chaperon, in the hope that the former supposed husband and wife might become one. The object was to keep him away from young girls, who were the only barrier between him and Maud. Youngsters under twenty are prone to fall in love with older women, provided the latter have not reached the age of gray hair and wrinkles. Dick, or rather, Tom, which was his real name, was pleased with the attentions of his quasi wife and so long as there was no rivalry gradually fell under her influence. But it was difficult always to keep him under surveillance, and he was constantly yearning for youthful pleasures. In the spring he insisted on joining a baseball team, but was rejected on account of his age. "We don't want any old men on this team," the captain said to him, and Dick went away crestfallen. Maud sympathized with him on this and other similar occasions when young people snubbed him, and it was not long before he became used to pouring all his troubles into her ear.

When Mrs. Martindale, who was managing the affair, thought the time ripe she hit upon an expedient to clinch it. He hunted the country for the homeliest woman to be found, about her daughter's age, then it was announced to Tom or Dick or Harry, or whatever his name was, that he was about to be introduced to his wife, and honor compelled him to do her justice.

Sarah Ite was the foil who was to drive the man-boy into the arms of the woman who loved him. One day Mrs. Martindale announced to Dick that his wife was in the living room ready to embrace her husband. He was with Maud at the time, and she sadly put the corner of a handkerchief to her eye.

"Goodby," said Tom ruefully.

"Goodby," said Maud with a sob.

"I don't think I shall want to go back to her."

"Oh, yes, you will. You'll forget all about me."

Mrs. Martindale interrupted this tender scene and took the lady to the slaughter. And it was a veritable slaughter. Tom on entering the room saw a woman sitting at the other end, pook marked, snaggie toothed and with a green patch over one eye. She arose and advanced toward him with arms outstretched till she came within a few feet of him, when he broke and ran. Tearing up the staircase to a room where he had left Maud, he threw himself into her arms, crying:

"Save me!"

The next and last feature in this little comedy was the fourth act, which on the stage is usually devoted to straightening out the complications and bringing everything out happily. Mr. Steiger was called in, and there was another conference. The question was how to make known to Tom the plot that had been laid to bring him back to his true but unlawful wife without exciting his disapprobation and spoiling everything. Mrs. Martindale proposed that Mr. Steiger explain it all to the dupe, and Mr. Steiger thought that Mrs. Martindale would be the fitter person for the purpose. Maud relieved them both of the duty by taking it upon herself—that is, she waited for Tom to give her an opportunity.

The meeting of the terrible creature who had claimed him had added ten years to his maturity. After a debate with himself between his duty and his inclination he went to Maud and informed her that, though he thought he should do justice to his wife by marrying her, he preferred to yield to inclination. He had not been legally wed and was a bachelor. Would she marry him?

Maud should have been shocked at this want of a sense of duty or at least yielding to temptation, but she wasn't. She forgave her beloved in her arms, told him that she was the woman he was bound to and confessed the plot.

### A Doctor of Dancing.

In France during the reign of Louis XIV. dancing took a very prominent position among court festivities, and many members of the royal family took part in the complex ballets of the time. Louis himself, no mean performer, took lessons for twenty years from Beauchamps, who was called the father of all dancing masters and upon whom the king conferred the title doctor as a special mark of favor. Beauchamps had the honor of appearing as partner with the king in the minuet, a dance which was introduced in 1650 in France, and no court ball was opened in Europe for a century and a half without it. About the year 1661 a royal academy of dancing was formed under the auspices of Beauchamps, Lulli, Moliere and others, the object of which was to elevate the art and check all abuses. Of this academy Beauchamps was chief, with the title of director.

### Dogs That Eat Crabs.

There are crab hunting and crab eating dogs in Brazil. The dogs are half fox, but they do not seem to care very much for poultry. They have been known to turn up their noses at nice fat pullets and go fishing for crabs instead. The dogs hunt in packs along the banks of the rivers in the Amazon valley, and the crawfish and land crabs of that region are their especial prey. The crabs often put up a vigorous fight, but the dogs have a way of turning them over and biting them in a vital spot just as the thoroughbred terrier polishes off a rat.—New York World.

### Worse Than Creditors.

Marks—Why do you allow your wife to run up such big bills? Parks—Because I'd sooner have trouble with my creditors than with her—that's why.—Boston Transcript.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Assessment have filed with the Town Clerk their official final reports, maps and assessments of the whole costs and expenses in the matter of the following improvements, and the same are now open to the inspection of those in interest:

Laying out, opening, straightening, extending and widening of Hoffman boulevard.

Notice is also given that the Bloomfield Town Council at a regular meeting held February 5th, 1912, did fix and determine Monday evening, March 4th, 1912, at eight o'clock, at the Bloomfield Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, as the time and place when and where said Council will meet to consider any objections which may be filed in writing to the aforesaid reports, maps and assessments.

By order of the Town Council.

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### WEIRD COINCIDENCES.

#### Curious Repetition of a Train Wreck and a Lucky Escape.

Lord Acton for many years kept a record of coincidences. A very strange one occurred within his own experience.

A rumor had spread that his wife had drowned herself. She had done nothing of the kind, but it was quite true that a Baroness Acton had drowned herself at Tegernsee, where Lord and Lady Acton were staying, and had drowned herself under their very window.

The strangest of all coincidences noted by Lord Acton concerned Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, who was murdered at the bottom of what is now Primrose hill, but was then known as Greenberry hill, in London.

Three men were hanged for the murder. Their names, respectively, were Green, Berry and Hill.

Some years ago a well known business man, who was accustomed to make weekly trips between an eastern city and Chicago, had the uncomfortable experience of having a wheel break immediately under his seat while the train was going at full speed. It was only by the most fortunate of leaps that he was able to escape losing his life. Naturally this experience made a very deep impression upon him.

It was almost a year later that he took the same train and by a strange chance was assigned the same chair. During a chat with a friend whom he had just met he glanced out of the window and recognized the landscape and the very spot of his narrow escape. He told the friend the story of the broken wheel. Just as he reached the climax of his recital, saying, "The cold shivers go down my back at the mere thought of it—there it is again," incredible as it may seem, the identical accident happened on the same train, almost between the same two fields adjoining the track, and the victim of this oddest of coincidences barely escaped the same way as before.

Such weird coincidences are always difficult of credence, but no less an authority than Darwin, the naturalist, mentions one of the same kind, though different in degree. One of a party whereof Darwin was a member was speaking of the earthquake of Talcahuano, in northern Chile, on which occasion the father had lost all his property and the narrator himself had barely escaped with his life. Then, writes Darwin, there ensued a curious coincidence. A German, one of the party, got up, saying that he would never sit in a room in those countries with the door shut, as, owing to his having done so, he once nearly lost his life at Sopislo. Accordingly, he opened the door. No sooner had he done so than he cried out, "Here it comes again!" and another shock commenced. The whole party escaped.—St. Louis Republic.

#### Abandoned Mines.

Old worked out mines are often highly dangerous. When they are almost forgotten the ground above them will sometimes cave in with disastrous results. It is not an uncommon thing in an old mining district to see a house or even part of a town that has been wrecked by dropping into an unsuspected and long abandoned tunnel beneath. The ordinary preventive method used in American mines is more or less extensive timbering. A method used in European and Australian mining districts is the filling of abandoned workings with sand. This is a somewhat expensive method to start with, but once done so further thought need be given to it, as the abandoned mine has practically become once more a part of the solid crust of the earth.

#### Scalping the Dead.

Just when the mutilation of the dead by tearing the skin from the head began to be known, for the origin is lost in the midst of ages, the record extending back beyond even the mythical period of man's existence. In the book of Maccabees it is recorded that at the termination of one of the battles of which that bloody history is so full the victorious soldiers tore the skin from the heads of their vanquished foes. This would be evidence that the custom of scalp taking was one of the indulgences even of those people of whom we have record in the Bible.

#### All About Stealing.

"Why do you call your story 'The Thieves' Romance?'"

"Because it is all about stealing."

"How?"

"Well, the story of the romance goes this way: 'She stole a look; then he stole a kiss. Next they had stolen meetings, they stole a march on their friends, and both stole away.'"

"I suppose the next thing they will be stealing back."

#### Play Was Over.

A German general on inspecting his troops at the close of the war addressed them thus:

"Now, my children, we can once more get seriously to work. The pastime of war is at an end, and drill must go on regularly, as heretofore."—London Tit-Bits.

#### Wanted His Fee.

"What did your lawyer friend say when you asked him for his daughter?"

"He refused to answer any question without a retainer."—Satire.

#### A Hint to Headquarters.

Head of the Firm—I don't see how you are going to support a wife on your present salary. Smart Clerk—Neither do I, sir.—London Punch.

Many things are well done that are not worth doing.

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### ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND PROVIDING FOR RAISING BY TAXATION MONIES FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 1912.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

There shall be assessed, raised by taxation and collected, moneys for public purposes for the year 1912, upon personal property from all persons residing in and upon all lands and real estate located within the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, the following sums of money for the purposes hereinafter expressed, to wit:

1. For lighting the streets of the town	\$21,000
2. For support of the Police Department	16,000
3. For the maintenance of the Fire Department	9,500
4. For regulating, cleaning and keeping in repair streets and high ways	22,000
5. For the relief of the poor	5,000
6. For payment of interest upon the debt of the town as same shall from time to time become due and payable	25,000
7. For the general and incidental expenses of the town, including the printing and publication of the Minutes of the Council, ordinances and such other matters required by law to be published	13,000
8. For the maintenance and use of a Sinking Fund Commission as required by law	8,000
9. For the support of the public schools	40,000
10. For the police pension fund	17,000
	<b>\$177,000</b>

Ordinance adopted February 5, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER,  
Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest:  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

### ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD," ADOPTED MARCH 18, NINETEEN HUNDRED, "WHICH AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED AUGUST 1, 1904.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, as follows:

That section one of the ordinance to which this ordinance is an amendment shall read as follows:

Section 1. That the following Companies and Organizations and such other Companies or Organizations as the Town Council shall from time to time either by ordinance or resolution designate and approve shall constitute the Fire Department of the Town of Bloomfield, to wit:

Essex Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, twenty-five men.  
Phoenix Hose Company, No. 1, twenty-one men.  
Active Hose Company, No. 2, twenty-one men.  
Excelsior Hose Company, No. 3, twenty-one men.  
Montgomery Hose Company, No. 4, twenty-one men.  
Brookdale Hose Company, No. 5, twenty-one men.

Ordinance Adopted February 5, 1912.

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Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest:  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

### NOTICE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, held on the 5th day of February, 1912:

Whereas, it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete and concrete sidewalk be constructed on both sides of Cottage place, hereinafter more particularly described.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete and concrete sidewalk constructed on both sides of Cottage place in said Town of Bloomfield.

Beginning in Cottage place at the eastern curb line of Spring street, thence running along Cottage place in an easterly direction three hundred and twenty-five (225) feet, more or less, and ending there.

The above described curb and sidewalk to be constructed on both sides of Cottage place.

Notice is hereby given that objection in writing to the above resolution or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, March 4, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

By order of the Town Council.

RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

January 6, 1912.

### ESTATE OF AUGUSTA SWOL-

lasky, deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ISAAC SHOFHEATH, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

GRETCHEN S. FRENOT.

Filed at Essex, N. J., Proctors.

September 7, 1911.

### ESTATE OF GEORGE PETER-

son, deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ISAAC SHOFHEATH, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

ANNA M. PETERSON.

Filed at Essex, N. J., Proctors.

### Notice of Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscriber, the executor of Sarah D. Schubert, deceased, who was the administratrix of Mary Frances Poole deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex on Friday, the fifth day of January next.

ADDISON H. HAZELTINE.

Dated November 27, 1911.

November 18, 1911.

### ESTATE OF CYRUS PARSONS,

deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ISAAC SHOFHEATH, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

JEA NETTIE ACKERMAN.

Bertrand and Barrett, Proctors.

Harry Maier, the hardware dealer—Nos. 445-451 Bloomfield avenue, is displaying a large new stock of Yale & Towne blind door checks, and is also making a fine window display of general hardware.—Advt.